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AT TUESDAYS PRESS BRIEFING (JULY 10) FOLLOWING DIALOGUE DEVELOPED:

Q: COULD YOU TELL US WHAT THE ATTITUDE IS OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THESE KIDNAPPINGS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS, INCLUDING SOME AMERICANS, IN ARGENTINA? THEY'VE GONE ON FROM TIME TO TIME. I WONDER IF WE HAVE AN ATTITUDE ON THEM.

A: YES. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN A LARGE NUMBER OF KIDNAPPINGS IN ARGENTINA, WHICH HAVE INVOLVED UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND/OR OFFICIALS REPRESENTING U.S. BUSINESSES IN ARGENTINA.

WHILE I WON'T COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS A GENERAL RULE YOU KNOW THAT WE DO DEPLORE TERRORIST OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF ANY SORT -- AND WHEREVER THEY OCCUR.

I MIGHT ALSO -- IN THE CASE OF ARGENTINA SPECIICALLY, I
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LEADERS HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL ACT-

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IONS AND HAVE STATED THE OBLIGATION OF THAT GOVERNMENT TO INSURE THE RIGHTS OF ALL IN ARGENTINA TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY.
IN THE WAY OF BACKGROUND, JUST IN 1973 THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 70 KIDNAPPINGS REPORTED IN ARGENTINA.

Q: HOW MANY AMERICANS?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT I'M AWARE OF, AND ALSO THREE NON-AMERICANS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY U.S. COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA. ROGERS

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